The pclamacō of the coyne.

Henricus dei gratia Rex ꝛc. where the kynge our souerayne lorde by good delyberacyon & aduyse of his lordes spyrytuall & temporall & other of his counseyll in aduoydynge of suche veracyon & trouble as were amonge his subgectes makynge them ignorant in knowlege of englysshe grotes & double plackes whether they be clypped or not clypped & refusynge of them contrary to the true meanynge & entent of the acte of parlyament therof made dyrected his seuerall strayte cōmaūdementes & pclamacōns to all Mayres shyryfs constables baylyfs and all other hede offycers cōmaūdynge them vpon a grete payne & fyne therin lympted duely to execute the same wherby was explaned & openly declared all suche grotes & double plackes as were & sholde be couraūt reputed & taken for good grotes & double plackes not clypped with theyr lympytes & markes contayned in the same pclamacyons more at large & this not withstādynge. The kynge our souerayne lorde hauynge perfyte knowlege that the same pclamacōns accordynge to the tenour & effecte therof be not duely put in execucyon in defaute & neclygence of the sayd Mayres & other hede offycers and of suche wylfull persones as without cause resonable refuseth to take in paymentes & receytes suche good grotes & plackes as ben not clypped but by ỳ coyners mystreken & ought to be couraunt by the sayd acte & pclamacyons to the grete hurte trouble and in quietnes of his wel dysposed subgectes & his greuous displeasure to the grete daunger of the offendours in that behalfe. ¶ wherfore in eschuynge of suche ferther veracōns & troubles of his subgectes & that the good lawes & ordre of the amendynge & reformacyon of the coyne made by thassent of his lordes spūall & tēporall & the comyns of this his realme for the pollitique wele of his subgectes sholde be duely kepte & obserued. And for that there is now of late many subtyll crafte s & inuencyons dayly foūde & vsed in mynyshynge & enpayrynge of the sayd coyne to the grete hurte domage & enpouerysshynge of all his subgectes. ¶ The kynge our souerayne lorde straytly chargeth & cōmaundeth that no maner persones clyppe washe batter boyle or other wyse mynysshe or empayre ony coyne vpon payne of deth.

¶ And ferthermore his hyghnes straytly chargeth that euery persone what degre or condycyon he be of vpon payne of enprysonement wythout bayle or maynprysse & fyne to be made at the kynges wyll & pleasure shall receyue & in no wyse refuse to take in paymentes & receytes ony englysshe grotes beynge syluer hauynge thre staues of the crosse hole. ¶ And also all englysshe grotes that haue but onely two staues of the crosse hole thoughe the other two staues be not hole and semeth to be clypped or otherwyse mynysshed. ¶ Neuertheles yf the hole or yet the halfe of the scrypture on the other syde for agaynst the staues so semynge to be clypped or mynysshed do shewe & appere than the same grotes to be couraunt in paymentes & receytes without ony refusel vpon lyke payne. And ouer that euery double plackes beynge syluer hauynge the more parte of the scrypture apparaunt on the one syde or on thother to be taken in paymentes & receytes ¶ And that all pens & pens of two pens beynge syluer be also couraunt & taken in receytes & paymentes vpon payne afore sayd. Excepte pens hauynge the spurre or the molet within the staues of the crosse syde ¶ And the same pens to go & be couraunt for halfe pens & none other wyse. And that all suche grotes and plackes as haue not the lympytes and markes afore reherced be reputed for clypped money and none other wyse to be couraunt but taken in paymentes or in exchaunge by weyght after .iii. s. ii. d. the vnce and in lyke wyse the halfe vnce the quarter the halfe quarter after the rate of the same & no lesse to be gyuen therfore so that they passe not in euery suche vnce of grotes & plackes togyder the .v. parte of the vnce in plackes & in lyke wyse in the halfe vnce the quarter & halfe quarter not in euery suche vnce of grotes & plackes togyder the .v. parte of the vnce in plackes and in lyke wyse for the rate in the halfe vnce the quarter and halfe quarter as aboue. ¶ And that euery suche persone as shall take or receyue suche clypped money by weyght do forthwith & Immedyatly in the presence & syght of hym that it so shall vtter cutte in sonder the halfe or there aboutes or cause to be cutte all the sayd clypped money so receyued and taken vpon payne of forfeyture therof & to haue enprysonement & to make fyne at the kynges wyll & pleasure.

¶ And for as moche as the kynge our souerayne lorde consydereth the grete hurte trouble veracyon & domage that in many sondry wyse doth & may ensue to his subgectes for lacke of shorte and spedye exchaunge of suche money as is clypped & not couraunt but by weyght as is afore[said] wele profyte and quietnes of them & also in eschuynge the grete losse and charge that they bere and sustayne for & aboutes suche makyn[g] & of necessyte gyuen for theyr spede to departe with suche clypped money vnder the sayd value & rate & also longe abode & tarynge at th[e] for the more coynynge of the same for ỳ grete quantyte of bullyon & clypped money is dayly brought vnto the same myntes to be coyned [by] mocyon grete prouydence and blessyd dysposycyon and also the tender loue and especyall fauour to his subgectes and the comyn wele [of] his owne propre costes and charges full gracyously hath ordeyned and appoynted exchaunges to be had at leden hall within the Cyte of [London] and couraunt coyne accordynge to his pclamacyon therfore euery of his subgectes that to that place wyll repayre and delyuer suche clyp[ped] couraunt by this pclamacyon by weyght after .iii. s. ii. d. the vnce the halfe vnce the quarter and the halfe quarter and so retably as afore sayd [for] the entent that vnder colour of this exchaunge whiche the kynges hyghnes of his gracyous dysposycyon hath ordeyned of his owne propre goodes [and] substaunce for the relefe and soucoure of his subgectes no clypped grotes ne other money before declared not to be couraunt sholde be vttred eyther by the clyppers of the sayd exchaūge or by ony of the kynges subgectes whiche purchace wolde afferme that they had receyued the same clypped not couraunt or dampned grotes at the exchaunge aforesayd. ¶ His hyghnes therfore of his hyghe prouydence and synguler zele that he bereth to the wele and restfulnes of his sayd subgectes hath prouyded and ordeyned that at the sayd exchaūge there shall none other money be gyuen or payde to the kyngs subgectes ne to ony other persone by the kepers therof for clypped grotes or other money thyder to be brought by waye of exchaunge but onely golde / pens of two pens / & pens wherby it may euydently appere to all the kyngs sayd subgectes & other that no clypped grotes nor ony other money not couraunt is payed or shall be payed at the sayd exchaunge but onely good and lawfull money lyke as is before specyfyed. ¶ And to the entent the sayd clypped money so delyuered and receyued shall no more be couraunt to the hurte and veracyon of his subgectes or that they therby in ony wyse be deceyued or inquieted.

¶ The kynges moost noble grace straytly chargeth and cōmaundeth euery persone keppynge the sayd exchaunge that taketh or receyueth suche clypped money by weyght as well in the presence and syght of hym that it shall so delyuer as of them that the same shall receyue to cutte or do to be cutte in sondre the same clypped money to the myddes or halfe therof. ¶ And the delyuerers of all suche money before that done not to departe. ¶ The sayd exchaunge & courts of clypped money by weyghte vnce or otherwyse no lenger to endure than to the feest of the Purysycacyon of our lady nexte after the makynge of this pclamacyon. And after the same feest all suche clypped money not couraunt as afore sayd founden in the hādes of ony persone or persones not cut in sondre or broken to be forfayted ỳ one halfe therof to the kyng our souerayne lorde & the other halfe to the fynder. ¶ And also ỳ kynges hyghnes straytly chargeth and cōmaundeth that all Mayres shyryfs constables baylyfs wardens and felawshyppes and all other hede offycers of cytes townes bourghs & vyllages to se the premysses accordynge to the tenoure & effecte therof duely executed to the best of theyr powers vpon payne of enprysonement wout bayle or maynprysse & to make fyne at the kynges wyll and pleasure for theyr vnlytynge dysobeysaunce & none executynge of this pclamacyon and the kynges moost hyghe dradde commaundement in this behalfe.

And ouer this for almoche as the kyng our souerayne lorde by credyble enformacyon & reporte hath now of late vnderstande ỳ dyuers and many vndysposed persones interpretynge his pclamacōn otherwyse than ỳ letter therof soundeth or ought to be vnderstande refuse to take & receyue suche grotes plackes pens of two pens and pens hauynge ỳ markys lympytes poyntes tokens or scrypture declared in the forsayd pclamacōn to be curraūt vnder pretens and coloure that the same money so declared to haue cours & passage in the fourme therin conteyned sholde no lenger be curraūte than vnto the feste of the Purysycacyon of our lady nexte ensuynge. ¶ By reason wherof grete refusel is made of the kynges forsayd coyne and money so determyned to be curraūt not only agaynst his commaundement mynde and pleasure but also to the grete inquyetnes losse and dāmage of his sayd subgectes. The kynge therfore our souerayne lorde consyderynge the premysses and berynge tender zele loue / and especyal fauour to ỳ quyetnes of his subgectes and comyn wele of this his realme wyllynge also & entendynge to amoue & put aparte all maner ambyguytyes derkenes and dyfficultees sinistre interpretours be pretended and made his sayd pclamacyon thoughe the same of it selfe be clere playne and open to men substancyally & groundely regardynge & nothynge the same expressely sygnyfyeth vnto al and synguleriy his subgectes and others by these presentes declarynge that the clause conteyned aboue in his pclamacyon specyfyenge the same no lenger to endure than to the feest of the Purysycacyon of our lady aforesayd is to be vnderstande in this wyse folowynge. That is to say that the exchaunge and courts of clypped money not hauynge the lympytes markes poyntes tokens or scryptures specyfyed to be vttered for ony payementes by weyght or vnce shall no lenger endure than to the sayd feest of the Purysycacyon of our lady nexte comynge but that after the same feest all suche clypped money not determyned to be curraūt founden in the handes of ony persone or persones not cut in sonder nor broken to be taken as forfayted / the one halfe to the kynges hyghnes & the other half to the fynder therof. ¶ And that al other grotes / plackes pens of two pens / & pens hauynge the lympytes markes poyntes tokens or scryptures cōteyned aboue in this the kynges pclamacyon to haue cours & passage without ony dyfficulte or contradyccōn as well after the feest of the Purysycacyon nexte comynge as also from thens forthwarde lyke as they were or ought to haue had here tofore & hyder to vpon payne of the penaltyes & forfaytures byfore conteyned & specyfyed in this pclamacyon. ¶ And ỳ euery persone or persones that fynde them greued in or by vell of ony money contrary to the tenoure & effecte of this pclamacyon come to the Mayre the kynges lyeutenaunt shyryfs wardens of felauschyps or to the other of this his cyte & chaumber of London dwellynge nyghest them sufficyent proffe of such [illegible]